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SUBJECT: TURKISH COMMENTS ON ASSUMPTION OF COUNCIL
PRESIDENCY
1. IN THE COURSE OF PRESENTING THE TURKISH RESPONSE TO THE
SHORT-TERM MEASURES AT THE SEPTEMBER 23 DPC (SEPTTEL),
KIRCA IMPLICITLY TIED TURKISH ASSUMPTION OF THE HONORARY
PRESIDENCY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL (NAC) TO REMOVAL
OF US LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON ARMS TO TURKEY. KIRCA
STATED THAT, AS HE BELIEVED PREMREPS ARE AWARE, IT WOULD BE
TURKEY'S TURN, IN NORMAL ROTATION, TO ASSUME PRESIDENCY OF
THE NAC NEXT SPRING. (NOTE: HONORARY PRESIDENCY WHICH
SHOULD HAVE PASSED TO TURKEY FROM PORTUGAL ON SEPTEMBER 18
THEREFORE ALSO INCLUDES DECEMBER 77 MINISTERIAL WHERE
SHORT-TERM MEASURES WILL BE SUBMITTED.) KIRCA SAID HE BE-
LIEVED THAT THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER WAS PREPARED TO
RESPOND FAVORABLY TO SYG LUNS' INVITATION. HOWEVER, AS A
REPORT ON THE SHORT-TERM MEASURES EVENTUALLY WILL BE SUB-
MITTED TO NEXT SPRING'S SUMMIT MEETING, TURKEY VERY MUCH
HOPED THAT THE US RESTRICTIONS, WHICH HINDER TURKISH
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE MEASURES, WOULD HAVE BEEN LIFTED BY
THEN; TURKEY WOULD NOT WANT TO BE LEFT IN THE POSITION OF
BEING THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE
THAT WAS HAMPERED FROM IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS.

2. COMMENT: ABOVE VERSION OF KIRCA'S REMARKS WAS PROVIDED
US BY HIS STAFF. HIS COMMENTS AS WE HEARD THEM WERE CON-

SIDERABLY TOUGHER IN THAT HE SAID TURKS WOULD REFUSE PRESIDENCY AT DECEMBER 77 MINISTERIAL UNLESS US LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED. STAFF'S VERSION, WHICH MAY REPRESENT SOME SECOND THOUGHTS BY TURKISH DELEGATION, IS LESS ARBITRARY AND MORE FAVORABLE ON TIMING IN REFERRING TO MAY 78 SUMMIT RATHER THAN DECEMBER 77 MINISTERIAL; THEREFORE, WE DO NOT INTEND TO PRESS FOR CLARIFICATION, BUT WILL TAKE DISCREET SOUNDINGS WITH TURKS AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE.

3. IN ANY CASE, KIRCA'S REMARKS ARE ANOTHER INDICATION OF HOW TURKEY'S RESENTMENT OF THE EMBARGO SPILLS OVER INTO NATO AFFAIRS. WHILE THEY APPEARED TO BE IMPROMPTU, KIRCA MAY HAVE HAD GENERAL GUIDANCE FROM ANKARA BEFORE MAKING THEM. THE TURKS MAY WELL BE RELUCTANT, BECAUSE OF PRIDE AND DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS, TO SERVE AT THE DECEMBER 77 MINISTERIAL AND PARTICULARLY AT THE MAY 78 WASHINGTON SUMMIT AS THE HONORARY COUNCIL PRESIDENT WHILE STILL UNDER US LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTION. END COMMENT. BENNETT

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